

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

IAC Conference Room  
100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
February 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Dick Stifel, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Suzie Rentschler, Sue Burk, Jeanne Mirro (ex-officio)

Members present via teleconference: Dick Stifel, Gil Cárdenas, Judy Hess, Karen Ellerbrook, Irene Smith-King, Jon Ford, Ron Stratten

Members absent: none

Invited guests present: Terry Whitt Bailey

Invited guests via teleconference: Eric Rogers, Jim Bodenmiller

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Susan Britsch, Bobbie Garver, Dennis Hardin

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Stifel convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He remarked on the importance of the discussion to be held in today's meeting and asked that all members listen carefully to the presentations and try to garner a broad understanding of the issues.

2. **Consent Agenda and Minutes.** Mr. Ford moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Year-to-Date Financials.** Mr. Stifel deferred item #3 until after the discussion of item #4.

4. **Proposed Adjustments to the Regional Program.** Mr. Stifel reminded the committee that, due to the size of the decrease in the IAC budget for FY2010, and a previous vote by the full commission, a re-evaluation of the Regional Arts Partnership program has become necessary. In its last special session in January 2010, the committee was presented with a variety of possible scenarios, and the IAC staff was tasked to gather information and propose changes to the present RAP system, in order to more efficiently and fairly serve the citizens of the State of Indiana with the available state funds. In the interim, a retreat for Regional Arts Partners, IAC staff and selected commissioners was held in Columbus, to openly discuss the possible scenarios. Mr. Stifel asked Mr. Ricci to present four proposed changes to the Regional Arts Partner system, and asked that debate on the proposed changes be delayed until all four proposals had been presented, at which time he would entertain vigorous discussion. Mr. Ricci began the discussion

by relating the IAC budget history over the past two years, which included a 30% cut for FY 2010, and reminded the committee that further cuts are likely for FY2011. He then presented four proposals (copy attached) and reviewed each one in turn, and answered questions from the committee for each. In brief, the proposed changes include: 1) Administer AOSII grants centrally for the entire state with existing IAC staff; 2) Regional representatives will continue to administer AOSI grants; 3) Centralize the majority of technical services for the state; 4) Rename the Regional Arts Partner System to Regional Grants Administration System. Following his presentation, Mr. Stifel invited comments from all members and guests, and all participated in the discussion. Mr. Stifel then briefly returned to agenda item #3.

**3. Year-to-Date Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the detail of the IAC FY2010 budget through February 17, 2010. Mr. Stifel then returned to item #4.

**4. Proposed Adjustments to the Regional Program (continued).** Mr. Stifel asked non-commission attendees of the meeting to excuse themselves for an executive session by the Committee on the Future (Mr. Ricci remaining). At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Hess moved for approval by the Committee on the Future of the four proposed changes presented by Mr. Ricci, and to forward a recommendation for further approval to the Executive Committee. Mr. Cárdenas seconded the motion. The motion passed, Ms. Rentschler voting no, and Ms. Smith-King abstaining. Due to the length of time devoted to discussion, Mr. Stifel omitted agenda items #5, 6, and 7.

**8. Adjourn.** Ms. Hess moved for adjournment. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.